

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 2013

A special meeting of the Auburn Arts Commission was held at the home of Kaz Huetten on December 3, 2013. Present were Lee Buckingham, April Maynard, Kaz Huetten, Frank Ordaz, Terri Goodman, Tim Grayson and Joyce Silva.

Following a lovely potluck dinner, Lee opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. Under Public Comment it was announced the judging of the art show commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The judges are Mike Holms, Sonja Hamilton and Kaz Huetten. The paintings will be hung on Sunday by April, Terry and Lee on Sunday the 8th and a reception will be held in the City Hall Gallery on December 12 from 6:00 to 7:30. It is suggested that all commission members attend the reception. Entertainment will be provided Jeff Adorador on the guitar.

Dancing Dog Park

Lee advised that the restrooms have been designed and the landscaper wants plants on the wall. We then went around the table and each Commissioner presented their ideas and suggestions for art in the Dancing Dog Park as follows:

April – A competition for artists for a wall mural

Frank – Would like a water feature, vegetation and a romantic area for folks to sit down.

Terri – No mural. The art impact should be mosaics and modern lighting.

Joyce – Likes the idea of a water feature along with plants and mosaics.

Tim – Would like the water feature closer to the bathroom, more art on large flip able panels.

Lee – also wants a water feature incorporated with a mural on the wall; perhaps a water wheel.

Kaz – sees clean space, places to sit incorporated with mosaics and a water feature.

Pause, FYI: *Frank spoke with Gary Harwell who owns the building with the Map of Auburn mural who stated that he owns the mural personally. He feels that the damage on the mural was done by a band during a Black and White ball and requires a signed statement of what we plan to do before we do anything.*

Back to Dancing Dog Park – Lee will contact Bob Richardson regarding the Project Auburn folk and their ideas and plans for the park.

A motion was made by Tim that we adopt a water feature sculpture as our recommendation for the new park to be defined by an appointed sub-committee. Motion seconded by Lee. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Goals Brainstorming

Wall on Auburn Ravine Road and Palm Av: A previous discussion by the Commission indicated the desire for fish on that wall and Kaz suggested that ceramic artists be contacted to create

fish mosaics for the wall. She also suggested having students glaze the tiles thereby getting the youth of the community involved. There is an effort to bring the Salmon back to the Auburn Ravine and a thought that maybe those folks will sponsor or help out with the project. This could also be the first of an anti-graffiti project.

April would like to enhance the City Hall Park (School Park Preserve) and garden to be more attractive to the public. Joyce would like to see some wildlife sculpture in a natural state such as a deer drinking from the creek. Terri would like to see a sculpture garden in the School Park Preserve.

Tim would like to expand Art in the community. He would like to give more attention to singers than singing in bars. Galleries are disappearing. He would like to enhance murals, have film festivals, etc. Would like another Arts in the Park.

Kaz suggested pop-up art. *Empty stores would be used as temporary spaces for people to actually set up shop and sell their art/handmade items on a short term basis. Maybe a month or two but a limit on the amount of time. This would give store owners a store that was not empty while not tying the space up long term. Where I have seen pop ups, the amount charged per month is very minimal. Utilities and probably an insurance payment of some sort. Putting art in to advertise other galleries is of course also an option for store owners but doesn't draw people to the areas in the same way.*

As the secretary was falling asleep, a motion was made by Lee and seconded by everyone to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Joyce Silva, Secretary